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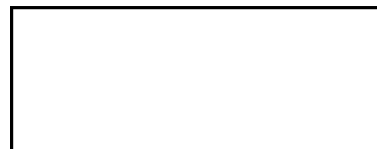
SUBJECT: Status of GMAIC Re-evaluation of ABM Collection

1. The Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee (GMAIC) has recently completed an evaluation of the Intelligence Community's collection effort against the Soviet ABM program. All USIB agencies have noted the GMAIC report and have approved its recommendations.

2. Concurrently, a detailed assessment of the same collection effort has been completed by an ad hoc working group under the auspices of D/DCI/NIPE.

3. Because both of the above studies and their recommendations address the same important subject, the Director of Central Intelligence has postponed signing the GMAIC report until the NIRB has reviewed NIPE's ABM paper. The Director has also asked General Cushman to recommend what further action should be taken on the two studies after their relationship has been determined.

4. General Cushman has instructed the DDI to prepare a coordinated Agency assessment of the NIPE ABM study prior to its review by the NIRB. This assessment should also compare the two ABM papers and offer recommendations for reconciling any differences between the two papers.



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